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Get over yourself!

NEIL PEDEN, *National IV*

I'm not one for hype. I missed the opening of Planet Hollywood, I only saw Titanic three weeks ago, and until yesterday I thought Red Thai was the dress code at Business Law Association meetings. (I was, of course, misinformed. You can wear a power tie of any colour.) But I have to admit, the new law library had me so excited that I just couldn't wait until November to make my bi-annual visit.

The first thing that struck me is that someone must have had a lot of paint left over from painting the Metro stations. Apparently we got a good deal on a colour I like to refer to as "Institutional Orange," which does not go especially well with the student-chic pressboard-and-green-creosote motif, and when combined with red doors and floors creates a stairwell so grisly, so utterly *noxious*, that its only conceivable purpose could be to deter loitering. Perhaps the rancid colour scheme is the reason that each stairwell appears to come equipped with its own airlock.

Lest anyone think I am ungrateful, I realize that it is hard to build a library for twelve or so million dollars. No one likes industrial floor tile so much that they would put in on the walls if they didn't have to. And the architects certainly tried hard, like where they added a false wall in a vain attempt to make people think the building is something

Back on the prowl...

ALEX JOHNSTON, *National IV*
STEPHANIE TAYLOR, *National IV*

Once again, the time has come to begin the process of admitting new students to the Faculty of Law for the year 1999-2000. As students in this Faculty, we believe that student involvement in this process is critical because one of the strongest selling features of this Faculty is its students. The Ambassador Program was created to pair up admitted students with students who are presently studying at the Faculty to provide admitted students with a student perspective on life at

Chancellor Day. Last year, we invited a group of admitted students to the Faculty for a day of interaction with professors and students, a relaxing lunch at Thompson House, and a fun-filled musical extravaganza at our annual Skit Nite.

Thanks to those of you who participated in the Ambassador Program last year, students who were admitted to the Faculty were afforded a unique chance to explore McGill through law students' eyes. Many of those who chose McGill did so

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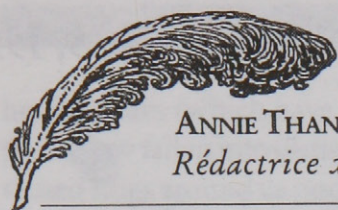
Top Ten Ways to Make Class Interesting!

DIMITRI ANTONOPOULOS, *B.C.L. III*

10. Run Across the Classroom, Tag Somebody, and Scream "You're it!"
9. Think of New Pick-Up Lines, and Then Try Them Out.
8. One word: Alcohol!
7. Experiment with Modern Sexual Practices.
6. Jump on the Professor's Desk and Scream: "I'm the King of the World."
5. Pass a Petition around Class, Requesting the Creation of a new Course: "The Law of the Jungle."
4. Take off your Pants and Bring them to your Professor.
3. During the Pre-Class Student Announcements, Get up and Announce that there will be a Séance in the Common Room, where a number of students will be trying to contact Chancellor Day to ask him about his views on the new Nahum Gelber Law Library.
2. Crawl around class humming the Mission Impossible theme song.
1. Get up in the middle of class and announce that you are God and that you are very upset.

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Entre adultes consentants



ANNIE THANH-THANH LE
Rédactrice des nouvelles

Je m'avance vers la chambre des courtisanes, d'où émane une effervescence fébrile. Recluses dans leur isolement, elles se parent, elles se fardent. Jalouses, elles s'épient les unes les autres.

Leur savoir-faire est connu de tous. Néanmoins, des questions demeurent. Saura-t-elle le contenter? En redemandera-t-il?

Au son des pas, je me retourne. Deux visages familiers. Je les ai déjà vus. Pourtant, je ne les reconnais pas. Cheveu impeccable. Haleine fraîche. Les plus vieux leur ont fait part de leurs expériences. Les revues spécialisées ont fait le reste. Ils savent ainsi tout des points sensibles, des zones à éviter. Ils possèdent l'information. Les voilà prêts à passer à l'acte. Ils débordent de confiance. Ils trépignent d'impatience. Ils entrent.

(Je ne devrais pas regarder. Pour la forme, je me traite de voyeuse. Et me remets à observer.)

C'est fini. La cravate de travers, le pantalon froissé, ils sortent. Sentiments mitigés.

L'un a assouvi son désir longtemps réprimé. L'air repu, il cherche une cigarette. Je crains qu'il n'explose de suffisance. Sans aucun doute, sa langue habile a su faire effet.

(Je me demande si elle a crié.)

L'autre est mécontent de sa performance. Une frigide, maugrée-t-il. Avec la prochaine, néanmoins il essaiera une nouvelle position. Je lui conseille de se mettre à genoux. D'ordinaire, c'est apprécié.

J'en ai assez vu.

Après tout, janvier s'amènera bien assez vite.

Avec une autre journée carrières.

du bureau de la rédactrice française

Me voilà!

KATHERINE POIRIER
Rédactrice française



Après maintes péripéties, me voilà enfin devenue rédactrice section francophone du Quid. C'est avec

impatience que je me suis jointe à l'équipe la semaine dernière, et j'étais pleine d'enthousiasme parce qu'on m'avait dit qu'avec deux semaines de retard, j'aurais une montagne de textes à réviser. Moi qui m'étais préparée à gravir l'Everest, j'ai plutôt escaladé l'équivalent de la colline qui mène à la faculté, puisqu'il y avait très peu d'articles qui m'attendaient. Mais qu'on se le dise, je suis en poste maintenant pour vous encourager à faire de ce Quid un journal entièrement bilingue. Je serai là pour que la langue de Molière, de Camus et de Fardoché soit celle que vous choisissiez afin de partager vos idées les plus sérieusement folles. Alors, n'hésitez plus et faites-moi parvenir un texte de votre plume, que ce soit une critique sociale, un essai ésotérique, un poème, un complément aux commentaires du ministre portant sur le droit des biens, une recette de cuisine ou un courrier du coeur, je prendrai plaisir à vous lire.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL STUDENTS IN THEIR SECOND YEAR:

You have been registered in the **National Programme**. If you do not wish to pursue the National Programme, i.e. if you intend to graduate with only your degree of entrance, you must complete and sign a form to that effect. This form is available from the OUS. Unless we know of your intention to graduate with a single degree, your name will not appear on the convocation list.

PAPERS AND ESSAYS FROM LAST TERM:

The OUS still has a number of papers and essays from last term (January - April 1998). If you wish to claim your paper, please stop by and do so. If they are not collected by October 16th, they will be sent to their final resting place in the recycling bin.

COURSE VERIFICATION AND EXAM NUMBERS:

First term **COURSE VERIFICATION** will take place from Tuesday, October 13th until Friday, October 16th. The Porter's Desk outside the Moot Court will be set up from 9:30 - 14:00 daily during this week for you to check your McGill record and to get your **EXAMINATION NUMBERS**. For those of you who are new to the Faculty of Law, new exam numbers are issued every term during verification week. To get in to the exam room, you need to have your number so please ensure that you get it during this one-week period. If you could also *take the time to read the few simple instructions before making any changes*, we would appreciate it.

LOCKERS:

Unfortunately, the locker situation is still unresolved, but it shouldn't be much longer. Lovely new lockers have been ordered and are expected to arrive at any moment. As soon as they do, lockers will be assigned. If you have a lock on a locker at the moment, please keep checking the electronic Notice Board for the date when your locks will need to be removed. There will only be a two day grace period before the locks are cut off, once the new lockers arrive.

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EVENTS SECTION ON
PAGE 10!**

Ben's Re-tort

BEN ARCHIBALD

LL.B. II

Show time

Flipping through McGill Law's new recruitment brochure reminds me of the often bitter trans-systemic debate that took place in the halls and classrooms of Chancellor Day Hall last year.

A first year student at the time, I was confused with respect to the merits of the new program and its prospective effect on the law school. I'm still confused. Despite my confusion, I'm hopeful that the faculty can pull off the gargantuan task of implementing a program only a bare majority of them voted for.

Looking at the new curriculum one begins to recognize the huge amount of resources needed to overhaul a law curriculum. Our faculty has the difficult task of persuading us to value the National Programme as it stands, convincing us to stick around for a fourth year, all the while telling applicants that the new program replaces the National Programme, an outdated form of teaching comparative law.

Among the supporters of trans-systemic law within the faculty ranks, none is greater than our Dean. He writes approvingly of the program in the recruitment brochure, noting the global push towards political and economic harmonization. Further he alludes to our "sparkling new library" as yet another reason to come to McGill. His marketing of the program and McGill is effective. After the library opening many students were proud of this school and its tradition. However, once the mortar and bricks settle into the landscape and the slick marketing begins to fade, the substance of trans-systemic law must come to the fore.

There is no doubt that the faculty ranks have been depleted over the past year (for many different reasons), but what remains must be protected and built upon. As the school directs its energy to trans-systemic law and the "new McGill", let's hope they don't forget the National Programme dinosaurs. After all, there is no future without a past to build upon. One question lingers though: what about us trapped in the present?

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LIBRAIRIE / SAVIEZ-VOUS QUE...

...after more than 15 years in operation, according "to the books" (McGill accounting), that the Law Bookstore has a debt of over \$100,000, and that every year we are charged interest on this amount?

...100% des profits de la librairie sont utilisés afin d'embaucher des étudiants de la Faculté en tant qu'assistants de recherche?

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INTRAMURAL NEWS

Attention intramural captains

Drum up support for your team and let the Faculty know how your team is doing!

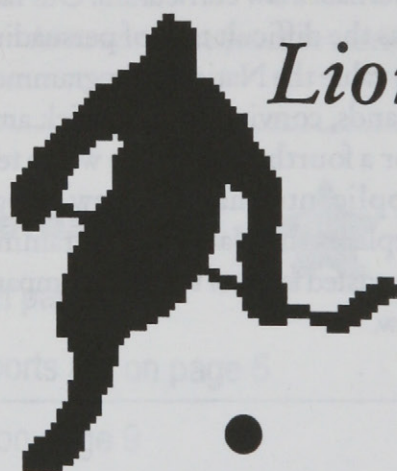
Write up a game summary for your team's activity and submit it to the Quid's intramural sports page.

Send us your schedule to include in the events section.

Attention Squash players!

The ladder has begun and 28 of your peers are playing regularly. Don't miss out on the fun.

To join email Damion at stodol_d@lsa.lan.mcgill.ca or by phone at 282-5772.



Lionel Hutz gets wake-up call

ALLEN MENDELSON
BCL II

After opening the season on such a positive note, Lionel Hutz' egos took a beating when they dropped a disappointing 7-1 decision to some team of jocks in Intramural Ball Hockey action last Tuesday.

Despite the highly anticipated arrival of some new forwards, Hutz was simply unable to generate much offense throughout the game. They did play better in the second half, but were unable to finish some chances close in. The lone goal was scored short-handed on a shot from far out.

The defense was of little help, as the talented opponents were able to pick Hutz

apart with some crisp, pinpoint passing. The defensemen were also unable or unwilling to jump into the offensive zone to try to generate some chances.

The opposition scored a couple of quick goals early, which seemed to demoralize Hutz right off the bat. Damion Stodola was left with players alone in front of his net most of the night, and managed to make some quality saves amongst the barrage of shots.

The other storyline was the officiating, which was one-sided and pathetic. While Hutz wouldn't have won that night even with some decent refs, the officiating seemed to throw off some of the players' game, especially captain Allen Mendelsohn. Mendelsohn may also have been bothered by the fact he called for the default that never came.

Having been brought down a couple of notches, Lionel Hutz will need to work harder and play better as a team at both ends to taste success again like they did in the first game of the season.

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President's Report

September Wrap Up, October Action

MARIO NIGRO
President

1) The Bookstore - The time has come to evaluate the future of our bookstore and decide as an Association whether we are seriously interested in maintaining the bookstore. Our options are clear: give the bookstore back to Chapters, or renegotiate our agreement with the University Bookstore, and essentially take control of the bookstore. The Faculty has made it clear that they are not interested in running our bookstore. However, we must decide whether we are actually ready for this responsibility and challenge. Are we all ready to commit the volunteer hours to make it work? Are we ready to assume all the responsibilities? These are important questions that we will be debating. Please consider the options and tell us what you think.

2) Sadie's Store - It appears that many people have not missed the little store we used to run in the basement close to the corner room. So the time has come to decide whether we actually want to re-open this store. Our alternatives are clear, we can open it or, we could keep the store closed and use the money we save for our other projects. Opening the store is certainly a risk, considering that the store traditionally loses great amounts of money. We need to know how you feel about the store, so please tell us your thoughts about whether you miss the store. At the moment we are looking for government funding to help pay the wages of those who might work at the store.

3) Computer Lab Hours - I have heard many calls for increases to the hours of the

computer lab. We are working on it. I am speaking to the Dean about trying to get more lab hours. However, it will be difficult. The money is scarce, but hopefully something can be done.

4) Course Selection and Changes to the System - I have already spoken to the Dean about our concerns regarding the horrible course selection fiasco we went through this September. I will be working with Associate Dean Klink to get students involved in the course timetable development from day one, and to change the way we select courses so that we have a more equitable system.

5) Basement Repairs - In the next few weeks you will notice that the pool room will be undergoing repairs and changes including a paint job, new tables and chairs, and the TV will be moving to the pool room. Sadly the pool table will be moving out, but it will be going into the new refurbished corner games room. Stay Tuned!

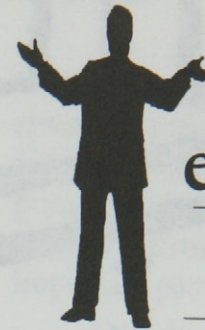
6) Quebec Law Firms - We are now in the process of formalizing our agreement with other Quebec Law Student Associations concerning when Montreal firms will be allowed to recruit at McGill. Marie Claire will be providing more information in the near future.

7) Ontario Court of Appeal - We are offering our first year students a chance to visit Ontario's Court of Appeal on November 16. If you are interested you will have to let Mario know right away. There are not many spaces so get them fast.

8) Equity Issues - Recently many of you have provided your ideas and concerns regarding Equity issues at the faculty. We are now in the process of finding a way to make these voices heard and engage in a discussion about these issues.

A word from the external

AXEL BERNABÉ
VP External



Here are the two most important things you need to know of this week.

LIBRAIRIE DE DROIT

Malheureusement, il m'est impossible dans ce contexte de préciser les détails des négociations présament en cours entre Chapters, la Fac, et les super heroes de l'AED. Cependant, laissez-moi vous dire le nom de la seule raison pour laquelle nous avons toujours une librairie indépendante qui nous évite de faire des heures de file dans les -30 degrés pour payer plus chère pour nos livres: Patrick Cormier.

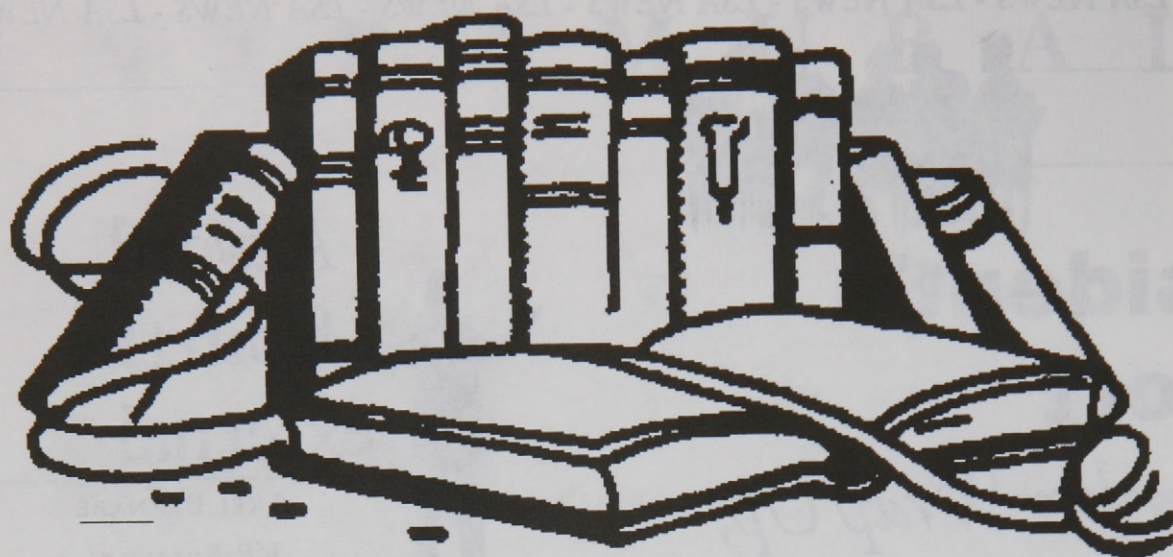
Le travail individuel investi par ce bonhomme dans un projet qui devrait se réaliser à travers une manifestation spontanée de fierté collective est époustoufflant. Si vous avez quelques heures pour prendre un café, passez au bureau et j'vous raconterai l'histoire. En tout cas, si vous voyez ce bel homme se promener dans les couloirs, je vous encourage fortement de au moins lui serrer la pince: merci Pat.

Plan d'action: Remercier Patrick pour son effort hérculeen.

BORED MEETINGS

Contrary to common perception, the SSMU is swarming with interesting people and mind numbing events. In fact, as external, the honor falls upon me to represent the faculty's interests at the biweekly board meetings. More pertinantly, I sit on the Y2 comity on constitutional reform. The comity is currently rewriting the University's constitution (no joke).

Action plan: tell Axel that you want to help him review the sweeping constitutional changes being proposed and gain interesting legal experience in the process (Axel, by the way, is the guy that sits on the, bored).



Should we close the bookstore?

PATRICK CORMIER

Manager, Law Bookstore

That's the question I want you to ask yourself. Over the next few weeks, the LSA will consult the student body to figure out if we, collectively, want to keep our bookstore or close it. I'm writing this article to give you some of the background information before you decide how to answer the question.

First, I won't repeat what's on the bookstore web site. There is extensive information at <http://www.law.mcgill.ca/>

bookstore in the «Background» and «Who Are We» sections, so I invite you to visit those sections if you would like to have a better «informed» opinion.

You have to know that I'm not terribly biased a way or another. Last June, I have recommended to the LSA and to the Faculty that the Bookstore should be closed. This recommendation was based on information I had at the time. Since then, I have learned a lot of new things. My opinion has changed.

In 1981, the Law Bookstore was created and operated by law students entirely on a voluntary basis. The Faculty used to

provide staff to help preparing the casebooks over the summer. The McGill Bookstore (now located on McTavish and operated by Chapters) was happy to get rid of the annual losses associated with law casebooks. The students got better prices for their materials. The faculty eventually used the profits to hire law students as research assistants to the Professors. Basically, it was a win-win-win scenario.

In 1998, we are operating very differently from the 1981 L.U.S. (former name for the L.S.A.) Bookstore Mandate Agreement. For example, whereas in 1981 the Mandate Agreement envisioned that the McGill Bookstore was entitled to 5% of the profits in compensation for the fact that they would assume all operating costs, in 1988/89 the McGill Bookstore started to charge an «accounting fee» of \$1,500. The McGill Bookstore has not been assuming any operating costs for a long time. The admin. fee was constantly raised, to \$6,000 last year. Unilaterally. Another example: the 1981 Mandate Agreement envisioned that the profits were «for the benefit of the student body». In 1998, 100% of profits are used to hire research assistants.

What am I saying? To be blunt: the 1981 Mandate Agreement reflected a win-win-win scenario. I don't believe this is quite the case in 1998. We need a new Mandate Agreement.

Other factors are now pertinent. The McGill Bookstore is now a very convivial place to shop, its operating hours are extensive, the «huge line-up» problem is fading over the years as they hire extra cashiers early in the semester to minimize the problem.

But: if we close, be prepared to pay «suggested retail price» for all your law textbooks. Even casebooks would be more expensive. For example, the 5th edition of «La responsabilité civile» would be around \$100 instead of \$77. Don't forget, if you want to compare prices, ours are tax included...

My personal opinion? Let's get rid of the *status quo*, let's re-negotiate a fair Mandate Agreement, let's move forward and make this work! It's a shame to see how little this operation has evolved since 1981. Just this semester, we have sold over \$186,000 worth of materials: there is a LOT of potential return on investment, considering that the required investment is minimal. The bottom-line: do we want the profits to go to Chapters... or to us? And if we want the profits, are we prepared to make the commitment?

BOOKSTORE / WHAT WE'RE DOING ABOUT...

...the \$100,000 debt: no one to date has been able to provide me with a satisfactory explanation as to why we carry this liability. Since 1981, the Sales of the Law Bookstore have always been greater than the Cost of Sales, and as such, it is my position that any working capital loan advanced to us by the University would be extinguished at the end of the year. Any remaining books in the inventory would be ours, without any corresponding liability. I am currently working with an accountant from the University to either understand why we have this liability or to have this liability erased.

...les profits de la librairie: cette année, l'AED négociera une nouvelle entente avec la Faculté au sujet des profits de la librairie. Le principe qui devrait animer ces négociations est simple: chaque partie (e.g. les étudiants, la Faculté) devrait profiter des opérations de la librairie dans la mesure où il y a contribution de la part de chacun. À suivre...

Emotions Really

SOULETTE GRAY, BCL III

Emotions in western legal discourse are like the vitamins
That are found in the earth's many underwater springs
After all, the rational enlightened ones use reason
And so the unspoken broken rule can be called an (un)educated treason
Therefore, the parody and maxim "out of head out of mind" is the operating engine
Behind the legal language of babble-dabble that we are being "trained" to speak in
This could be interpreted as being among the most dangerously arrogant of flaws
For example, the compassion, fear, shame, hate, that run below most "positivist" laws
Are rarely brought forward
Because to do such a thing might ironically cause the brave to be deemed a coward
Instead, western law develops a love affair with a "language of couch" that I think is wrong
If you ask me, western law has been on the couch for too long
The term "entrenched" here becomes analogous to "fenced in" to the point of suffocation
Indeed, western law is in need of an emotional liberation
In order to stop treating sentiment in law as a the sub-human resource bin
By living only in the head and ignoring the body we live in

It is time for western law to stop using reason as a front
It is well known that when we are implementing honourable intentions it is easier to be blunt
It is called displaying one's honest intentions
It is being freed from the burdens of stuffy legal retentions
It means seizing to be the perpetrator of a law of pretensions
It's OK in law to use the natural resource called emotions; really
And I must say, I mean that sincerely. ...

The Chancellor Day Fiction Club

LAUREL NAST LL.B.III

I am always embarrassed to see that he is embarrassed. His head tilted slightly downward, studiously avoiding eye contact with the students around him. Mop in hand, or sporting a filthy dustcloth, he moves through the faculty. He is a constant reminder to me never to take myself too seriously.

He is a small man. He is dark, with laugh lines that are reserved for those who care to reciprocate. He busily goes about his day, while I go about mine. And yet I have a sense that he feels we exist in two different worlds, this man. I sense that he would never have spoken to me in the hallway two years ago unless I had spoken to him first.

Two years ago however, I did speak to this man. Since then, speaking to him has become a small and pleasurable part of my days at Chancellor Day Hall. This man who works harder than I ever will, this man who is surely a father and quite likely a grandfather, has not even told me his name. And yet we share a smile and greeting whenever we pass. And I reflect upon how his work is so much more honest, and good, than mine will ever be.

Our meetings are brief. As we pass each other, one of us will smile, and then the

"Hello! How are you today?"s will pass. It is always frantic, somehow, this effort to connect, quickly and yet meaningfully. The purposeful encounter: "I know you," we both seek to affirm to the other, "You are an important part of my days here".

One day, I said hello to one of his co-workers. The gentleman was a robust, healthy type. He had a balding head, a large belly, and an intimidating manner. I suppose I was in a particularly giddy or brave mood, because I plowed ahead, beamed a smile, and exclaimed, "Hello!"

His response both surprised and embarrassed me.

"You NOTICED me!", he exclaimed, eyes wide. "No one here ever NOTICES me. They act like I don't even EXIST! You NOTICED me!"

I thought I was going to cry.

For these are our friends, you see. These men (and women) who work so hard with us, heads habitually bowed and personalities muted, they are our colleagues. Under-appreciated contributors to our education.

It is perhaps time for us to smile and greet these individuals more often.

JUST UN PETIT RAPPEL THAT THE LAST DAY FOR SSMU HEALTH PLAN OPT OUT IS OCTOBER 6.

To do so, you must have proof of other insurance coverage SUCH AS a certificate or attestation letter (also, bring your student card).
the address:

ASEQ office, 2045 Stanley St. suite 200

Things I learned from Yes, Minister!

DAMION STODOLA, *Lay-out Editor*

Students last week were treated to a rare event within the pages of the McGill Tribune: an article appearing in the « ideas » section written by the SSMU President, Duncan Reid. A treat because rarely are the words « ideas » and student politicians uttered in the same breath unless, of course, it is election time and it is the student politician uttering them.

Yet, Mr. Reid, motivated perhaps by some imminent scandal (Trouble brewing with SSMU's finances? Or some clever deflection of how much (and why?) we are paying for Guy Bertrand's services?), had chosen to write about building excellence at McGill, a noble goal no doubt. And his « three clear priorities », no less, will surely garner the support of hoards of students eager to ensure the economic value of their degree does not plummet with the fortunes of the Canadian dollar (as Mr. Reid warns us not to rest too comfortably on McGill's past laurels).

In looking closely at his article, however, and following a few rules of interpretation, you might see Mr. Reid's column for the saccharine-coated placebo it is.

Rule 1 : Mr. Reid is holding a position, the precise administrative jurisdiction of which no one, including the SSMU constitution, is sure of.

Thus, Mr. Reid's general complaints about poor communication with students, the neglect of clubs and services, and the lack of accessibility and safety within and around the Shatner Building, in addition to the need for student representation within the university coupled with student involvement in the University's revival are indeed real problems.

You must ask yourself, however (better yet, ask Mr. Reid) what authority and power he has to effect change in these areas. Read the SSMU constitution and ask former presidents how easy it was simply to form committees in council, let alone secure greater representation within the University government. If SSMU wasn't able to prevent the University from taking away the

President's vote at the Board of Governors in 1996, what makes Mr. Reid confident he can secure extra representation now?

The lesson to be learned :

Students politicians will propose a host of ideas that are either constitutionally impossible or subject to a vote they will lose.

Rule 2 : Student politicians put forward proposals that are sure to win general support since 1) they are phrased in such a general manner that any reasonable human being would agree with them or 2) they are proposals so filled with convoluted, incomprehensible jargon as to make the very comprehension of them a painful ordeal (thankfully, Mr. Reid has avoided the latter).

For example, who would disagree with the proposal that : « it is time to further develop the partnership between McGill students, the community, and the university. » ? Better yet, try to find a student that disagrees with that statement that « we must demand equitable treatment and more involvement in decision making in the university. »

Rule 3 : there is a lexicon of words and phrases that are typically used to hide one or more of the following :

The self-contradictions and/or inconsistencies with their previous statements;

- the inconsistencies with the SSMU constitution;

- the fact that the official has never read the constitution;

- the fact that the official is unaware of the inner inconsistencies of the constitution;

- the fact that the official will become an unwilling or willing participant in the inner inconsistencies of the constitution.

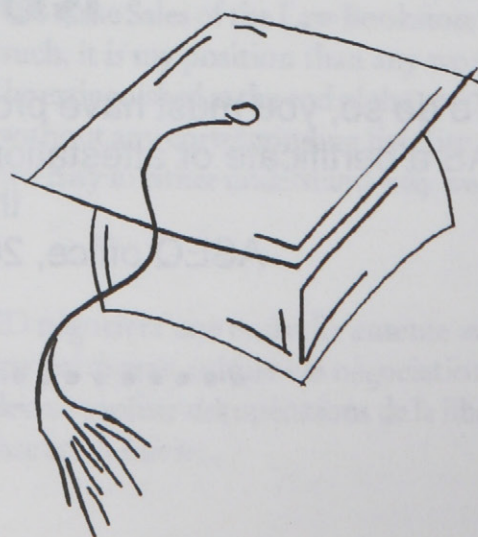
Thus, Mr. Reid claims his executive, which « recognizes » these problems, will be « addressing our weaknesses » through « upcoming proposals ». How equivocal can one be! Moreover, Mr. Reid has provided no leadership on any of the issues he has addressed.

He cites the willingness of students to contribute to McGill : yet the majority of these initiatives were passed before he was elected to office!

While student politicians usually only bombard us with their zealousness, self-importance, informed strong opinions or uninformed strong opinions (as the case may be), and their self-righteousness during election time, we should at least call their bluff when they attempt to pass-off obvious statements and platitudes as enlightened policy.

(Credit also to Ian Hay (B.A. 1996 McGill) from whom some of these rules of interpretation were borrowed.)

GRAD PHOTOS



Only on
October 21, 22 & 23
in the Roy Heenan Group Study
Room (2nd floor Nahum Gelber Law
Library).

Sign-up today . Sheets are on the
wall by the LSA office.
info.: camill_l@lsa or 842.0113

**Faculty are encouraged to
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in basis. Appointment not
necessary.**

Course info.

ESSAY SUPERVISION AND READING GROUP ON THE LAW GOVERNING CHARITIES AND NON PROFITS

This is a voluntary seminar/reading group of between 20 and 30 hours open to students interested in the charities and nonprofits. Students may register for a term essay with me for the winter term 1999, or the summer or fall of 1999 if they wish, or simply participate in the reading group on a noncredit basis. The seminar/reading group will meet biweekly on Tuesday afternoons for about 90 minutes, commencing in October and continuing through to March. The schedule, however, is flexible.

The objective of the seminar is to acquaint interested students with the law of and policy issues affecting the charity and nonprofit sector on a national and international level. With this foundation students will be able to write an essay of between 35-45 pages on a topic of current interest, *with a view to publication*. I will review topics, outlines, thesis and arguments closely in January, 1999, with each student, and suggest a research program to support the proposal. We will distribute the work of preparation and presentation for the seminar on a collegial basis. We will use the following books, as well as a variety of other sources.:

Ontario Law Reform Commission, *Report on the Law of Charities* (1996)

James J Fishman and Stephen Schwarz, *Nonprofit Organizations* (1998)

W.W. Powell, *The Nonprofit Sector: A Research Handbook* (1987)

Donald Bourgeois, *The Law of Charity* (1996)

Get in touch with me by email if you are interested or have any questions at steven_d@falaw.lan.mcgill.ca.

ESSAY SUPERVISION AND READING GROUP ON JURISPRUDENCE IN THE NATURAL LAW TRADITION

This is a voluntary seminar/reading group of between 20 and 30 hours open to students interested in the natural law tradition. Students may register for a term essay with me for the winter term 1999, or the summer or fall of 1999 if they wish, or simply participate in the reading group on a noncredit basis. The seminar/reading group will meet biweekly on Tuesday afternoons for about 90 minutes, commencing in October and continuing through to March. The schedule, however, is flexible.

The objective of the seminar is to acquaint interested students with the basic writings of the natural law tradition of jurisprudence, as well as to introduce them to the leading modern thinkers. With this foundation students will be able to write an essay of between 35-45 pages on a topic of current interest, *with a view to publication*. I will review topics, outlines, thesis and arguments closely in January, 1999, with each student, and suggest a research program to support the proposal. Books for the course might be purchased - they are all good books, worth owning - or alternatively, borrowed from the library. We will distribute the work of preparation and presentation for the Seminar on a collegial basis. Some of the titles we will read include:

John Finnis, *Natural Law and Natural Rights*

Robert P. George, *Making Men Moral*

John M. Kelly, *A Short History of Western Legal Theory*

Ernest L. Fortin, *Human Rights, Virtue and the Common Good: Untimely Meditations on Religion and Politics*

Alasdair MacIntyre, *A Short History of Ethics: A History of Moral Philosophy from the Homeric Age to the Twentieth Century*

(and other works)

Russell Hittinger, *Critique of the New Natural Law*

Alasdair MacIntyre, *After Virtue*

Please get in touch with me by email if you are interested, at steven_d@falaw.lan.mcgill.ca.

Heard around the balls and in class...

"If someone's gonna get paid a million dollars to do something, it better be more impressive than anything I could do."

"UofT is the Luke Skywalker of law schools: it's good looking, talented and maybe a little whiney. McGill is the Han Solo of law schools: it's a little older, in rougher shape but always comes through in the end."

"Do you want to come to my sister's wedding? It's in Barrie!"

"Do you want to come to my sister's wedding?"

"Uhhh... Professor, what page is that problem on?"

"Est-ce que truchement est dans le dictionnaire?"

EMAIL YOUR PICKS TO THE QUID!

events

misc.

Upcoming speakers

OCTOBER 7

13h / Moot Court

Lecture by **Michelle Falardeau-Ramsay, Q.C.**
Chief Commissioner, Canadian Human Rights Commission.

In commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the 20th anniversary of the Canadian Human Rights Commission, the Chief Commissioner of the CHRC will be speaking at seven law faculties across Canada, reflecting upon the human rights progress that has been made in Canada and abroad, as well as the challenges we face as we approach the 21st century.

For further information please contact Karen at eltis_k@lsa.lan.mcgill.ca

OCTOBER 15

16h30 / 202 NCDH

Encounters in Human Rights Series

"HUMAN RIGHTS: CROSS-CULTURAL PERSPECTIVES" In association with the International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development (ICHRDD), InterAmicus (McGill's International Human Rights Advocacy Centre) is pleased to present an International Human Rights Forum with three international members of the Board of Directors of the International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development - **Kamal Hossein** (Bangladesh); **Willy Munyoki Mutunga** (Kenya); **Cecilia Medina** (Chile). Questions: Charmaine Lyn, 398-5372.

OCTOBER 22

18h30 / 202 NCDH

Encounters in Human Rights Series

WOMEN'S DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS: OBSTACLES AND CHALLENGES. In concert with the McGill Centre for Research and Teaching on Women, InterAmicus is pleased to present **Asma Jahangir**, a human rights lawyer from Pakistan. Questions: Charmaine Lyn, 398-5372.

OCTOBER 30

10h00 / 202 NCDH

Encounters in Human Rights Series

THE TREATMENT OF GENDER-RELATED CRIMES AT THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNAL FOR RWANDA. The International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development and InterAmicus are pleased to present a lecture by **Urusaro Uwagaga Alice Karekezi** of the International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development and Monitor on Gender Related Crimes at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. Questions: Charmaine Lyn, 398-5372.

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BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

Monday, October 5 - Friday, October 9

Ballroom of the William Shatner University Center (3480 McTavish). Hours: 10 am-6 pm Monday-Thursday; 10 am - 4 pm Friday. All donors must produce a valid piece of identification at the clinic, including their name and signature or photo.

intramural games

no notices.

social calendar

Oct 8

Corona House. Corona comes to the faculty of law!! Come out for a fun send-off before Thanksgiving (that long train or bus-ride will be so much more fun with a warm, fuzzy feeling...)

Oct 9

VIVA LAS VEGAS party at Thomson House, 9:30 pm. PGSS (which brought you the legendary Titanic Party and 007 Martini Night) invites you all for 100 free Manhattans and 100 free Fuzzy Navels, music from DJ Steve of Jello Bar and our friends Atomic Cocktail. Proceeds to Accueil Bonneau.

Oct 15

Women and the Law host Coffee House to celebrate Person's Day

Oct 17

Malpractice Cup

Oct 22

no Coffee House: Wainwright lecture. Use your extra time wisely.

Oct 29

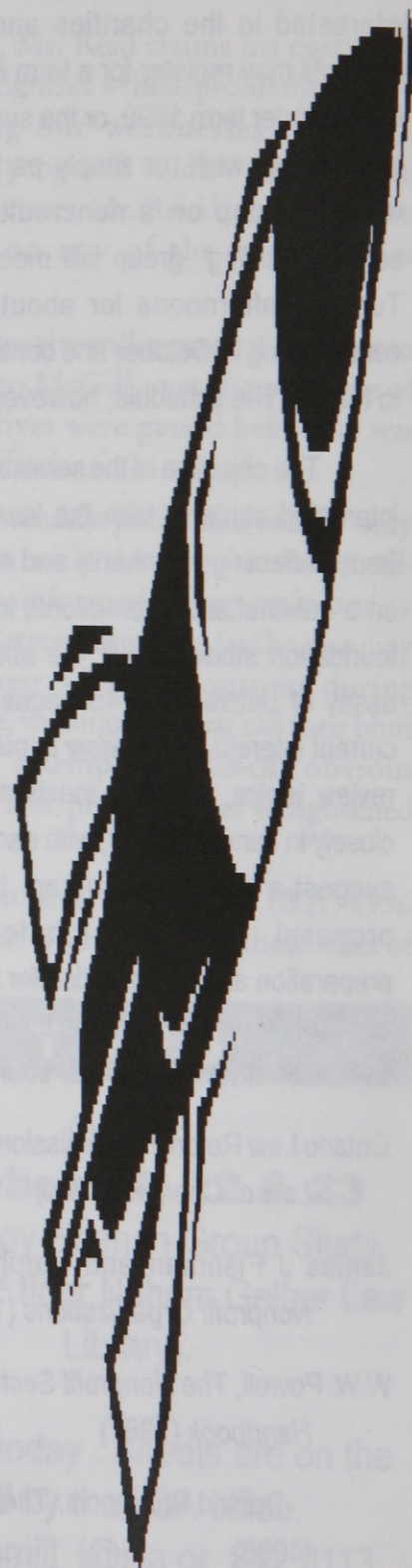
Tory Tory DesLauriers & Binnington Coffee House: Jazz, elegant eats and the chance to meet lawyers from Toronto who are coming to town just for us. Dash home and suit up for the Hallowe'en Party hosted by the Grad Committee.

textbooks for sale

no notices.

LSA Club Meetings

no notices.



EVENT NOTICE POLICY.

Event notices must be submitted for each week the event is to appear in the Quid. Event listings should be brief and include a contact number or email address for information requests. Notices can be sent to Quid@lsa by file attachment only please!

Career & Placement

(Complete Newsletter on Noticeboard)

Kate Corban & Stefan Fews
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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Thursday
10:30-12:00/2:00-3:30
Or by appointment

VOLUNTEERS / BÉNÉVOLES

To all the Volunteers who have helped make our Monday Sept. 28 Toronto Careers Day a Success: Our Warmest Thanks. Our Co-Chairs will be contacting you so that all projects can start as soon as possible for the benefit of everyone at the Faculty. Thank you for your most appreciated cooperation.

SUPREME COURT CLERKSHIPS - STAGES À LA COUR SUPRÊME FOR 2000-2001

All clerkship applications must be handed in at the OUS by 11 January 1999.

See what documents are required for applications at the Placement Office and/or on our Noticeboard. An information session will be held on November 25th, 1998, at 12:30, Room 101, 3647 Peel. Prof. Geneviève Saumier, Supreme Court Clerkship Coordinator

RECRUTEMENT 1999 - STAGIAIRES - FIRMES DE MONTRÉAL

Voici la position des firmes montréalaises signataires à l'Entente de Recrutement par rapport au recrutement de l'automne des firmes américaines et ontariennes.

"Given the situation created by the

recruiting which will take place at McGill Law Faculty this fall, we wish to inform students that we will gladly receive during March 1999 the candidacy of any McGill student, even those who may already have an offer from American or Ontario law firms or from Stikeman, Elliott (Mtl)."

Signed: McCarthy, Tétrault/Adessky, Poulin /Bélanger Sauvé/Byers Casgrain/deGrandpré, Godin/ Desjardins Ducharme Stein Monast / Goodman Phillips & Vineberg/ Hart, Saint-Pierre/Heenan Blaikie/Kugler Kandestin/Lafleur Brown/Lavery, de Billy/Martineau Walker/McMaster Gervais/Monette Barakett Lévesque Bourque et Pedneault/Nicholl Paskell-Mede/ Ogilvy Renault/Pepin, Létourneau/Robinson Sheppard Shapiro/Smart & Biggar/Woods & Associés

STIKEMAN ELLIOTT ARTICLING STUDENT RECRUITMENT PROGRAM

Leur recrutement principal sera effectué à la session d'hiver selon les termes de l'Entente de Recrutement. Stikeman considérera cependant dès cet automne les demandes de stage des étudiants qui envisagent concurremment un emploi auprès de firmes à l'extérieur du Québec; les candidatures seront acceptées jusqu'au 7 octobre.

BAKER & MCKENZIE - THE MILLENIUM INTERNATIONAL CLERKSHIP PROGRAMME IN TORONTO.

For 2nd year law students interested in exploring an international legal practice. Deadline: October 9th, 1998. More details re documents required on our boards or at the Placement Office.

RECRUTEMENT POUR LES ÉTUDIANTS FINISSANTS QUI SOUHAITENT UNE CARRIÈRE DANS DES DOMAINES AUTRES QUE LE DROIT

Veuillez prendre note que les entreprises suivantes seront à McGill afin de donner des séances d'information relatives au type de carrière qu'elles offrent et au profil de candidats qu'elles recherchent. Vous êtes donc invités à vous présenter à ces séances d'info, puis de faire suivre votre dossier de candidature.

Oct. 5
11:30am RBC Dominion
Faculty Club

Oct. 5 & 6
5:00pm McKinsey & Co
Faculty Club

Oct 6
11:30am Price Waterhouse
Faculty Club

Oct 8
9:00am Jet (Teaching English in
Japan) Leacock 232

Oct 9
11:30am Bain & Co
Faculty Club

Many many more : Visiter le site web de McGill CAPS pour la mise-à-jour des différentes rencontres annoncées à www.mcgill.ca/stuserv/caps

U.S. FIRMS RECRUITMENT

I would very much appreciate being kept informed about good news such as being invited to NY for 2nd round or receiving/accepting offers from NY firms. Good news is always nice to know !!! Francine

Remettre votre cv, lettre de présentation et photocopie de votre plus récent relevé de notes avant midi le 7 octobre prochain:

- PAUL, WEISS, RIFKIND,
WHARTON & GARRISON

- WEIL, GOTSHAL &
MANGES

ONTARIO 1999 SUMMER RECRUITMENT

Your application (cover letter + résumé + transcript + in some cases reference letters) is to be sent directly to the Toronto law firms and must be received by Friday, October 9th, 1998. Some firms may have extended this deadline, but remember: the sooner, the better.

LAW SOCIETY OF UPPER CANADA

Procedures Governing the Recruitment of Second Year Law Students for Summer Positions in the city of Toronto in the summer of 1999:

1. Students applications received by the firms by Friday, October 9th, 1998, shall be treated without regard for the date of receipt.
2. The time of date of interviews shall not be communicated in any way until 8:00 am on Friday, October 23rd, 1998.
3. Interviews shall not be conducted prior to 8:00 am on Monday November 2nd, 1998.
4. No communication of offers of employment or the intention to make such offers shall be made prior to 4:00 pm on Wednesday, November 4th, 1998.
5. Any offers made Wednesday, November 4th, 1998 must be left open until 5:00 pm, Thursday, November 5th, 1998. Offers made Thursday, November 5, 1998 must be left open until 5:00 pm on that day, and offers made after 5:00 pm Thursday, November 5, 1998 must be left open for a reasonable period of time.

LIST OF LAW FIRMS WHO HAVE ATTENDED CAREERS DAY

Monday Sept. 28 - with name of the contact person to address your cover letter to as well as all addresses available at the Placement Office or on Noticeboard.

The Rise of Style Over Substance

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other than a big box, or the way the building is stone in front with brick on top, as though they suddenly looked at the bank account and decided there might not be enough left over for the revolving restaurant or the helipad. I think it is particularly clever the way the open, airy study area allows you to be disturbed by conversations *two whole floors away*. In my day, we could only dream of stuff like that.

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Since I mentioned them in the intro, I might as well say a few words about Red Thai, Titanic, and Planet Hollywood. Red Thai is crap. Titanic is crap. Planet Hollywood is crap on a stick.

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Red Thai tries to cash in on the Thai-chic phenomenon by serving mediocre,

pseudo-Thai Chinese food at high prices. If I want style without substance I'll wear a beret at Mr. Falafel.

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Titanic attempts to cash in on the "sex" appeal of the alarmingly underfed Leonardo diCrappio, whom my mother refers to in her inimitable fashion as "that Leonard Caprio boy." (He is admittedly a better actor than, say, Keanu Reeves, but that is like saying he is smarter than cheese.) To be fair, the movie also offers the opportunity to see so many people die so realistically that it is almost like you are drowning them yourself. I have to hand it to James Cameron. It is not everyone who can take a period piece based on actual events and incorporate several chases *and* gratuitous gunplay. But by far the greatest scene of the movie is where Leo's character paints a nudie picture of his girlfriend (it's okay, baby, it's art!). In a masterful double-stroke, Cameron gets Kate Winslet naked *without having to do it in the obligatory sex scene*, which occurs completely off camera. James, on behalf of movie-goers everywhere, I would like to offer my sincere thanks. I don't

know about you, but just thinking about Lenny's bony ass gives me the dry heaves.

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As for Planet Hollywood, I ask myself what we did to deserve this. I always forget if American theme restaurants come before locusts or after frogs (which is why it always pays to read your Bible). I suppose there is something endearing about the way Americans love overpriced hamburgers so much that they scatter "eateries" (and I use the term loosely) around the globe so that, no matter where they are, they can line up outside one and buy the T-shirt. But the least they could have done is to build it somewhere discreet, like Brossard, instead of erecting a giant neon whorehouse on the corner of St. Catherine and McGill College. Which is not to say that I have anything against whores, provided they don't attempt to sell me an overpriced hamburger or commemorative apparel. Live and let live, I say. Except Planet Hollywood. Planet Hollywood must die.

COMMENTS AND DEATH THREATS SHOULD BE WRAPPED AROUND A BRICK, OR MAILED TO PEDEN_N.

Back on the prowl...

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because of their interaction with the Ambassadors. We would like to thank you for your enthusiasm and dedication to the Program that we launched last year and we look forward to your continued participation this year. To those of you who were unable to get involved last year or who are hearing about the Ambassador Program for the first time, we encourage you to join the team of Student Ambassadors.

Any one who is interested in joining the team should pick up an application form from Chantal Galipeau in the Admissions Office (3674 Peel Street). We will be drafting a letter that will be sent out to students who are admitted to the Faculty to introduce them to the Ambassador Program. In this letter, we would like to include information about each Ambassador so that students who have just been admitted can decide, based on their

personal interests and those of the student(s) on the Ambassador list, who they would like to speak with at the Faculty. In that regard, we need each Ambassador to fill out an application form as soon as possible.

On November 3, 1998 at 1:00 p.m. (in a room to be announced), a lunch meeting will be held for students who want to be involved in the Ambassador Program. At this meeting, we will discuss some administrative matters and issues relevant to the training of Ambassadors. We look forward to seeing both new and familiar faces at the meeting and, in the meantime, should you have any questions about the Program, you can contact us by e-mail or by phone, or simply stop us in the halls of Chancellor Day.

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**Next Quid
comes out on
Oct. 12th.**

**Deadline for
submissions,
columns,
artwork &
notices is
Wednesday,
October 7th at
12:30pm.**